



## SENATE TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES MADE BY PRESIDENT

### Senators Take His Message as Insulting

### RESOLUTION PASSED

### Portion of Roosevelt's Letter Relating to Secret Service Inquired Into

### WARNER BILL SUPPORTED

### Lodge Speaks in Favor of Permitting the President to Re-enlist Discharged Soldiers of 25th Infantry at His Discretion.

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The Senate devoted considerable attention today to discussion of president's course in placing strictures on congress in the matter of secret service and adopting a searching resolution proposed by Aldrich and amended on the suggestion of Culberson, providing for a thorough investigation by the committee on appropriations of the president's charges both in response to the acts and course that has been taken by congress to resent the imputations believed to have been put upon that body. Aldrich in introducing his resolution, made no comment upon it, but Senators Baileys, Bacon, Tillman, Culberson and others declared that the president's words should be resented by the Senate as highly insulting. Foraker's resolution calling on the secretary of war for information concerning the work of the detectives in Brownsville affair was also adopted. Lodge spoke in support of the Warner bill permitting the president to re-enlist the discharged soldiers of the 25th infantry at his discretion.

Investigation of the resolution first introduced by Aldrich, and Culberson immediately offered it more specific. Both were referred to the committee on contingent expenses. The committee almost immediately reported back in favor of the Aldrich resolution. The Democrats finally agreed that if a portion of the Culberson substitute directing the committee on appropriations to advise the Senate specifically as to the course of action it should take with reference to message they would accept it. The committee agreed and the resolution passed without division. The resolution follows: "Resolved, That that portion of the annual message of the President relating to the secret service is hereby referred to the committee on resolutions, who are instructed to inquire whether legislation referred to in the message has impaired the efficiency or sufficiency of the force employed in the secret service and such committee is further directed to ascertain what persons other than those included in the secret service were paid from the public treasury for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1908, for the service, in connection with the enforcement or investigation of possible crimes or criminal acts or violation of law, including all special attorneys, special agents, inspectors, or

other employes or any department of government or any branch of the public service and also some information as to all persons whose employment was authorized by indefinite or general appropriations; information to contain names of all persons so employed or paid, their previous occupation, nature of work in which they were engaged, by whom appointed and upon whose suggestion or recommendation; inquiry, however, not to include officers appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate or officers specifically provided for law, or laborers appointed as such and actually engaged in the employment as laborers."

## SLEETH INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

### Editor of "The News" a Portland Paper Held for Criminally Libeling Wealthy Oregonians

PORTLAND, Dec. 16.—Dana Sleeth, editor and manager of The News, a local newspaper, was indicted by the grand jury today on a charge of criminally libeling William Hanley, a wealthy Eastern Oregon stockman and Harry Ladd Corbett, a young millionaire of this city. The name of Hyde Gowan is included in the indictment but Sleeth states the man has no connection with the paper. The warrant will be served on Sleeth tomorrow. Bail will be \$1000 for which arrangement has been made. The articles in question, which are made a part of the complaint,

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## TAFT GUEST OF HONOR AT BIG BANQUET

### PLEDGES HIS ADMINISTRATION AND HIS PARTY TO CHICAGO PLATFORM.

### DISCUSSES PRESIDENTS VETO

### President-Elect Refers to Sherman Anti-Trust Law and Declares For Its Enforcement as one of Roosevelt's Policies.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—It was authoritatively announced tonight that the offer of a cabinet position to Congressman Burton has been withdrawn by Taft and would not be renewed. Burton had been mentioned as a probable secretary of the treasury and it was said that a portfolio had been definitely offered to him. The statement followed a conference of Taft with several Republican leaders from Ohio. Burton, it is believed, will now make an active contest in the Ohio senatorial campaign.

Charles P. Taft was at the conference and when asked what bearing, if any the conference may have on his candidacy for the Senate to succeed Foraker, replied: "I am going to win. Everything is favorable."

The president-elect had nothing to say regarding the conference as regards the senatorship. Taft has repeatedly announced that he is going to keep his "hands off."

### GOVERNMENT FIRE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The government records, maps, charts and photographs to the value of more than \$20,000, were destroyed tonight

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Resolution confers on the committee power of subpoena and empowers it to examine them under oath and further to report what action if any, in the judgment of the committee the Senate should take.

### INSULAR EXCEPTIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Official order promulgated by the post-office department carrying out the recent agreement with Germany for two cents an ounce postal rate beginning January 1 next, excludes Hawaii, Porto Rico and the Philippines or other possessions of the United States for its application, the agreement being restricted to the states and territories on the mainland, including Alaska.

### CHINESE FINANCES.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The Times prints a long Peking dispatch on the Chinese finances and currency. It says that the financial condition of China will presently be causing considerable anxiety arising from the heavy fall in silver, the debased subsidiary coinage, reduced customs revenues, over-speculation, the over-trading of merchants in great business centers and numerous failures.

### FOUND GUILTY.

### Coroner's Jury Charles J. W. Wilson With Boas' Murder.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16.—J. Walter Wilson, a friend and business associate of Harry J. Boas, an electrician, who died as a result of having headache powders sent him through the mails was this evening charged with murder by the coroner's jury.

## TIPPING SYSTEM NOW GETS HEARING

### INQUIRY APPLIES PARTICULARLY TO THE PULLMAN CAR PORTER.

### ONLY GET \$25 PER MONTH

### General Manager Dean Testifies That Tipping Custom is a Result of Selfish People Who Want Things Better Than Their Fellows.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—The tipping system particularly as it applies to the Pullman Company underwent inquiry today before the interstate commerce commission.

General Manager Dean testified that the tipping custom is a result of selfishness of persons who want something better than their fellows and are willing to pay for it. Counsel for complaint asked Dean what salary was paid to a porter. Dean said they were paid \$25 per month. Asked if the company furnished the meals, Dean said "No."

"I think it takes that much to buy their meals then," commented the lawyer.

in a fire which broke out in the United States geological survey building. The damage to the building is slight.

## CARACAS RULED BY MAD MOB

### President Castro's Enemies Rise in Rebellion

### PROPERTY IS WRECKED

### No Official Act of Deposing Castro From Presidency, But it May Follow

### ANOTHER OUTBREAK EXPECTED

### Angry Mob Gathers All Castro's Statutes and Pictures and Makes Bonfire of Them on Public Boulevard—His Reign Seems Ended.

CARACAS, Dec. 14, via Williamstad, Dec. 16.—The people of Caracas arose today against President Castro. An infuriated mob, unhindered by the police, swept through the city, wrecking the property of his henchmen and his closest friends. The people rounded up all the statues and pictures of President Castro from the clubs and other semi-public buildings and burned them on the boulevard de Plaza. President Castro's rule in Venezuela is probably ended.

Further dangerous demonstrations are anticipated. No official act deposing Castro from the Presidency of Venezuela has yet been taken, but such a step is expected any moment. An enormous crowd of the inhabitants of the capital, swelled by people from the outlying country, gathered in the streets soon after daybreak.

The people began marching up and down to the main thoroughfares, and it was easy to see that the ill-temper would result in violence. The police stood by and made no attempt whatever to restrain the mob. The first building to be attacked and looted was that of the lottery monopoly. The offices of the state enterprise that has enriched itself at the expense of the people were ransacked and pillaged. Furniture was broken and thrown into the streets and piles of lottery tickets were destroyed. The crowd then moved to the printing office of El Constitucional, the organ of President Castro, of which Gumer-sindo Rivas is editor, and pillaged it completely. A steam laundry belonging to Senor Rivas was wrecked.

The crowd then turned its attention to several drug stores belonging to Senor Thielen, a son-in-law of General Tello Mendoza, and turned them inside out. General Mendoza was at one time minister of finance under Castro, and one of his staunchest supporters. He is universally hated by the enemies of Castro, and his unpopularity and his close connection with the President accounted for the anger of the populace against the property of his son-in-law.

The statues and pictures of President Castro were made into a huge bonfire on the Boulevard de Plaza. Numerous inscriptions setting forth the virtues of Castro, and extolling his powers next attracted the mob, and every inscription was hacked out and erased. Some of these legends were carved in the public buildings of the city.

It was after 1 o'clock by the time the crowd had got thus far in its depredations. It was then that a detachment of troops was called out for duty on the city streets, and Acting Governor Gomez issued a manifesto prohibiting further manifestations.

These measures had the desired effect, for the mob quieted down and

then dispersed. The attack yesterday on the offices of El Constitucional, which the crowd was curbed by a detachment of soldiers, who fired into the demonstrators, resulted in several fatalities. A criminal action had been begun against Edward Rivas and other employes of the paper, in which they were charged with responsibility for these deaths. It is declared that Rivas and his men fired first on the people, making use of revolvers. El Constitucional has suspended publication, and Caracas is practically without a newspaper.

BERLIN, Dec. 16.—President Castro maintains composure in the face of the alarming reports published here regarding the disturbances in Venezuela. When the dispatches were shown him today that the people had arisen against him, burned pictures and statues beyonding to him in the public squares and had made attack on a number of buildings, including stores of several of his warmest adherents and that several persons had been killed, Castro said he did not believe it. He said he had dispatches from Caracas this morning but mentions nothing of the kind.

### KNOW NOTHING OF IT.

Officials of Montana Mining Association Ignorant of Transfer Deal.

HELENA, Dec. 16.—Officials of the Montana Mining Association which controls the smelter at Ponderay, Idaho, profess to be in absolute ignorance of any deal for the transfer to the so-called smelter trust. It is stated under the constitution of the association that this cannot be done by alleged representatives now in Chicago, in conference with New York attorneys and others.

### INSANITY GROWS FAST.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—"Insanity grows three times as fast in proportion as the increase in population in the United States."

Dr. David Paulson, president of the Anti-Cigarette League, made this statement yesterday. "China," he continued, "used 26 grains of opium last year for every man, woman and child. The United States used 56 grains. There are at least 1,000,000 opium users in this country."

## CHICAGO ALDERMAN IS HELD FOR ASSAULT

### RESULT OF ATTACK UPON NEWSPAPER MAN YESTERDAY AT A BALL.

### OFFICER HELPED BEAT HIM

### Atwell, According to His Own Story, Attempted to Get a Snapshot of John Coughlin When he Was Attacked by Crowd.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Alderman John Coughlin, otherwise known as "The Bathhouse" was arrested here today, charged with assault on Lyman Atwell, the Record-Herald photographer, who together with Wyncie King, a cartoonist on the same paper, were assigned to get photographs and illustrations of the first ward Democratic ball, last Monday. Coughlin, who with Alderman "Hinky Dink" Kenna, who is the annual beneficiary of the ball was standing on the sidewalk receiving guests as they alighted. Atwell, according to his own story, attempted a snapshot of "The Bathhouse" whereupon the latter led an assault in which the photographer was badly beaten and his camera smashed. A plain clothes policeman held him during the struggle while the others pounded him. The policeman in uniform to whom Atwell appealed, told

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### SEWARD GUILTY.

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## COUNT WITHDRAWS REQUEST FOR COIN

### De Castellane Makes Clever Move When He Learns That His Requested Allowance Injures His Case

PARIS, Dec. 16.—The last day of hearing of the suit brought by Count De Castellane against his former wife, Princess De Sagan, for custody of the three children brought out the fact that the Count has withdrawn his demand that the court allow him a yearly income of \$60,000 for keeping the children. M. Bonnet, speaking for the Count read a letter from his client protesting against the charge having been instituted in the proceedings to obtain money and abandoning his claim for the allowance. He insisted that his only motive was moral and physical welfare.

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